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TO USSR

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1. SUMMARY. SOVIET-DUTCH COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING
FONMIN VAN DER STOEL'S APRIL 22-28 VISIT TO USSR
APPEARS TO REFLECT NO CHANGES OF POSITION BY EITHER
SIDE. DUTCH EMBOFF CONFIRMS THAT "FRANKNESS" NOTED
IN COMMUNIQUE WAS APT DESCRIPTION OF VAN DER STOEL'S
TALKS WITH KOSYGIN AND GROMYKO. CSCE AND MIDDLE EAST
WERE MAJOR DISCUSSION TOPICS. AT VAN DER STOEL'S
REQUEST DUTCH AMBASSADOR, WHO PARTICIPATED IN ALL
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CONVERSTATIONS, WILL GIVE US FULLER READOUT SHORTLY.

END SUMMARY.

2. CSCE. ACCORDING DUTCH EMBOFF, SOVIETS WERE VERY CRITICAL OF DUTCH POSITIONS AT GENEVA, PARTICULARLY ON BASKET THREE. THEY ALSO TOOK STRONGLY NEGATIVE VIEW OF CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES, ARGUED FOR PRIMACY OF SET OF PRINCIPLES, URGED THIRD STAGE SUMMIT, AND REFERRED TO DESIRABILITY OF POST-CONFERENCE CONSULTATIVE ORGAN. DUTCH CONTENTED THAT RESULTS SO FAR MERIT A THIRD STAGE AT NO HIGHER THAN FONMIN LEVEL; DUTCH ALSO SET OUT IDEA OF TWO-TO-THREE YEAR PERIOD BEFORE FOLLOW-ON MECHANISM WOULD BE CONSIDERED. COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE WAS NEUTRAL; SOVIETS DID MANAGE TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CONFERENCE "IN SHORTEST PERIOD."

3. ME. SOVIETS SOUGHT TO DOWNPLAY IMPORTANCE OF EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE MEETS TWO BASIC SOVIET DESIDERATA: IT TREATS DISENGAGEMENT AS "FIRST STEP" AND "ORGANIC PART" OF OVERALL SETTLEMENT AND IT EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE OF GENEVA CONFERENCE. SOVIETS CRITICIZED DUTCH POSITION ON ME AS BEING MORE FAVORABLE TO ISRAEL THAN EC-9 POSITIONS IN GENERAL.

4. MBFR. DUTCH FOUND NO SOVIET FLEXIBILITY HERE. SOVIETS INSISTED ON INCLUSION OF AIR FORCE AND NUCLEAR UNITS, AND CRITICIZED ALLIED IDEA OF COMMON CEILING.

5. DISARMAMENT. DUTCH IN COMMUNIQUE SIGNED ONTO SOVIET IDEAS ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT AND ON WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC), BUT CAVEATTED FIRST WITH REFERENCE TO NEED FOR "STRICT AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL" AND SECOND WITH STATEMENT THAT WDC SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PREPARED AND SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NUCLEAR STATES.
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